

wireless network. It is also an objective to provide at least a portion of such content directly to a device under controls exerted over the wireless network.

Accordingly, the invention provides a system for providing playback of media content to a user. The system comprises a portable wireless device, where the wireless
 5 device has a media drive and an application that reads content from a medium inserted in the media drive. The system further comprises a service that communicates with the wireless device via a wireless network. The service provides control commands to the application program for controlling playback of content from the medium when inserted in the media drive.

10 The invention also provides a portable wireless device that interfaces with a wireless network. The wireless device is comprised of a media drive and an application. The application plays content from a medium when inserted in the media drive, wherein the content from the medium is played based upon control commands received from a service via the wireless network.

15 The invention also provides a service for use in providing playback of media content to a user. The service generates and transmits control commands via a network to a portable wireless device. The control commands control playback of content of a medium inserted in a media drive of the wireless device.

The invention also provides a medium that contains content. The medium can be
 20 inserted into a media drive of a portable wireless device. The medium is readable for playback of the content by an application stored in the wireless device when control commands are received by the application from a remote service.

In addition, the invention provides an application program stored on a portable wireless device. The application reads and plays back content from a medium inserted into
 25 a media drive of the wireless device in accordance with control commands received by the wireless device from a remote service via a network.

Fig. 1 is an embodiment of a system in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 is a diagram of a number of the components of the mobile phone of Fig. 1.

Referring to Fig. 1, a basic system that supports the present invention is shown.

30 The system is comprised of a mobile phone 10 that interfaces with cellular network 50 over air interface 48. Cellular network 50 is connected to the Internet 60 in any of a number of ways that are well-known in the art. For example, mobile phone 10 may communicate

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